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OLD PUEBLO

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FATHER KINO'S SEARCH FOR SOULS TOOK HIM BEYOND THE CONFINES OF HIS MAPS AND BEYOND SIERRA VISTA (NOGALES), THE LAST SPANISH OUTPOST.

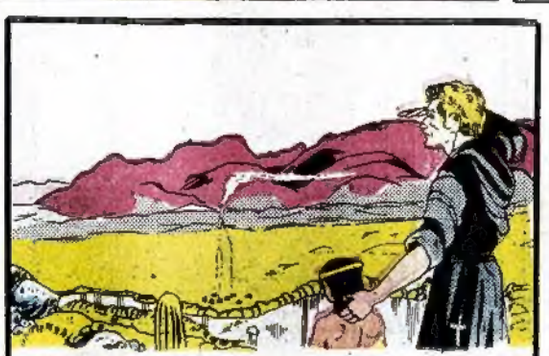
HE DID NOT WANDER ALONE IN THE WILDERNESS BUT PLANNED HIS EXPEDITIONS WITH THE PRECISION OF A GENERAL TAKING WITH HIM HORSES, SHEEP, CATTLE AND SEEDS.

UPON FIRST SEEING THE RICH SANTA CRUZ VALLEY WITH ITS PEACEFUL INDIANS, FATHER KINO FELL UNDER ITS SPELL. TUMACACORI WAS THE FIRST INDIAN SETTLEMENT TO BE ADDED TO HIS NEW MAPS.

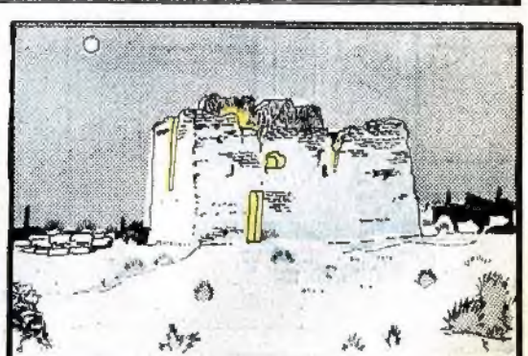
THE PIMAS WHO LIVED HERE WERE NATURAL FARMERS AND WERE EAGER TO LEARN THE EUROPEAN FARMING METHODS AND PLANT THE NEW SEEDS THE BLACK ROBE HAD BROUGHT THEM.

WORD OF KINO'S STRANGE ANIMALS, SEEDS, AND STORIES SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE AMONG THE PIMAS AND THEY CAME FROM AFAR JUST TO SEE HIM. COULD THIS ONE BE THE WHITE GOD THEY HAD BEEN EXPECTING FOR YEARS?

HE FOLLOWED THE PIMA TRADE ROUTES TO BAC, NESTLED AT THE FOOT OF BLACK, VOLCANIC FOOTHILLS, AND SAN COSME DE TUCSON AT THE BASE OF SENTINEL PEAK.



HERE WAS WATER, RICH SOIL FOR FARMING, GRASS FOR CATTLE, CLAY AND ROCKS FOR BUILDING AND PINE TREES IN THE MOUNTAINS FOR LUMBER. SOMEDAY, HE ENVISIONED, A SETTLEMENT LARGER THAN MEXICO CITY WOULD BE BUILT HERE.



KINO TRAVELED AS FAR AS THE CASA GRANDE RUINS WHERE HE SPENT THE NIGHT LISTENING TO THE VOICES OF PAST CIVILIZATIONS WHISPERING IN THE WIND AND DREAMING OF A NEW MISSION. HE WOULD CALL IT SAN XAVIER DEL BAC.

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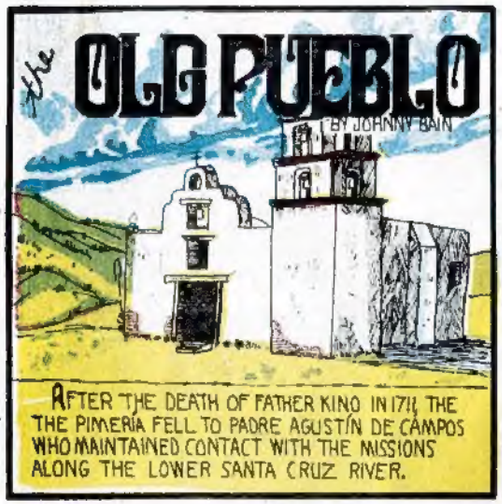
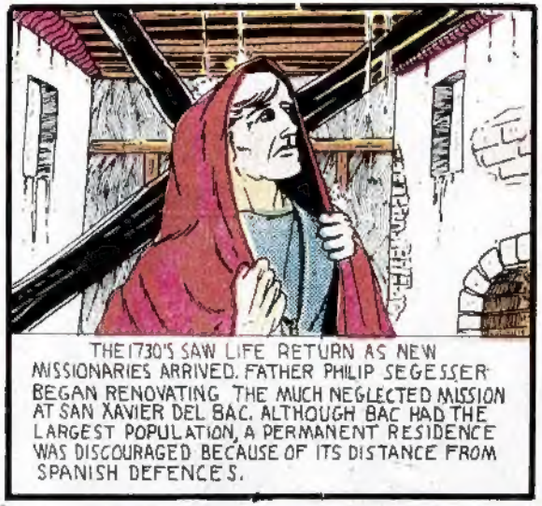


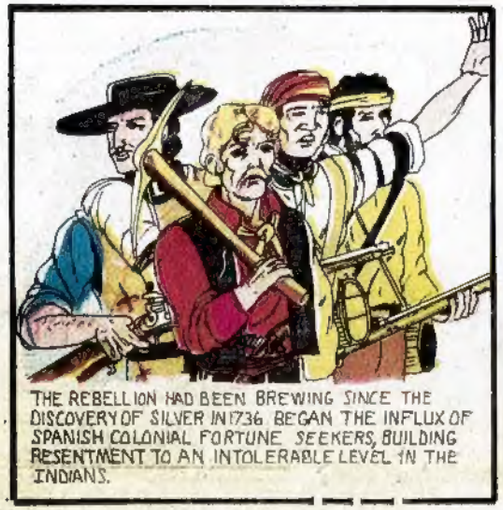
AFTER THE DEATH OF FATHER KINO IN 1711 THE THE PIMERIA FELL TO PADRE AGUSTÍN DE CAMPOS WHO MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH THE MISSIONS ALONG THE LOWER SANTA CRUZ RIVER.

EVEN WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THREE NEW PADRES THE PIMERIA WAS JUST BARELY HELD TOGETHER AND MANY MISSION COMMUNITIES WERE LEFT WITHOUT PRIESTS OF THEIR OWN.



THE 1730'S SAW LIFE RETURN AS NEW MISSIONARIES ARRIVED. FATHER PHILIP SEGESSER BEGAN RENOVATING THE MUCH NEGLECTED MISSION AT SAN XAVIER DEL BAC. ALTHOUGH BAC HAD THE LARGEST POPULATION, A PERMANENT RESIDENCE WAS DISCOURAGED BECAUSE OF ITS DISTANCE FROM SPANISH DEFENCES.

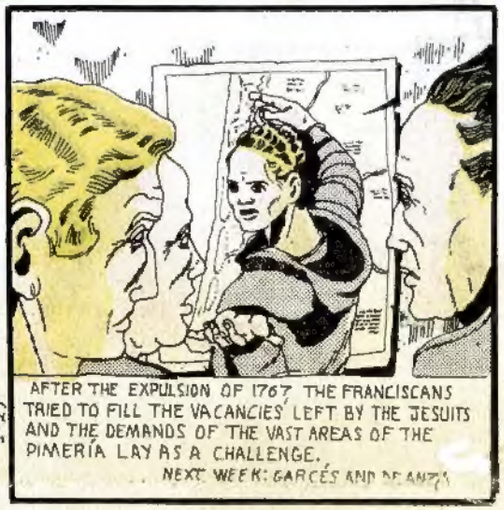
AFTER HIS RECALL, THE DEATH OF GALLARDI AND THE REMOVAL OF CAMPOS, FATHER JACOB SEDELMAYR BROUGHT PROGRESSIVE OPTIMISM BACK TO THE PIMERÍA WITH HIS REGULARITY AND EXPLORATION. HOWEVER, THE ADVANCES OF THE 1740'S WERE DESTROYED BY THE PIMA REBELLION OF 1751.



THE REBELLION HAD BEEN BREWING SINCE THE DISCOVERY OF SILVER IN 1736. BEGAN THE INFLUX OF SPANISH COLONIAL FORTUNE SEEKERS, BUILDING RESENTMENT TO AN INTOLERABLE LEVEL IN THE INDIANS.

THE REBELLION WAS PUT DOWN AND THE TUBAC PRESIDIO CONSTRUCTED IN 1752 TO KEEP THE PIMAS PEACEFUL. WITH THE DISINTEGRATION OF THE PIMA BUFFER ZONE, THE APACHES WOULD SOON SWARM OVER THE FRONTIER.

THE HOPES, PLANS, AND DREAMS OF THE JESUITS WERE DESTROYED OVERNIGHT WITH THE EXPULSION DECREED BY KING CHARLES III. MANY DIED AND SOME WERE SAVED BY INTERVENTION OF FRANCISCAN MISSIONARIES IN CALIFORNIA.



AFTER THE EXPULSION OF 1767 THE FRANCISCANS TRIED TO FILL THE VACANCIES LEFT BY THE JESUITS AND THE DEMANDS OF THE VAST AREAS OF THE PIMERÍA LAY AS A CHALLENGE.

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